

Educational Service Unit #5

Board Minutes

June 8, 2026

The Board of Educational Service Unit No. 5 met on Monday, June 8, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the offices of ESU 5 in Beatrice, Nebraska. Present were board members Roger Smidt, Vicki Hinz-Ensz, Duane Smith, Jeannine Murphy, Carla Loemker; Administrator Brenda McNiff; Board Treasurer Jan Reimer; Board Recording Secretary Vicki Frerking. Tim McAllister and Betty Meyer were absent.

Prior to the meeting being called to order Dr. Nick Ziegler, ESU 5's Technology Integration Specialist, gave a presentation on AI in Education.

President Roger Smidt called the meeting to order at 6:47 p.m., acknowledging this was an open meeting in accordance with the Open Meetings Act and notice of such was published in the Beatrice Daily Sun and Hebron Journal Register the week of May 28 2026.

Roger Smidt moved to approve the agenda as presented; seconded by Vicki Hinz-Ensz. Motion passed on roll call vote 5-0.

Carla Loemker moved to approve the May 2026 minutes as presented; seconded by Jeannine Murphy. Motion passed on roll call vote 5-0.

Jeannine Murphy moved to approve the June treasurer's report and authorize payments in the amount of \$735,666.97; seconded by Vicki Hinz-Ensz. Motion passed on roll call vote 5-0.

Old Business

New Business

Roger Smidt moved to approve the recommended policy update to Article 2 pertaining to Board meetings, as advised by Perry Law Firm; seconded by Carla Loemker. Motion passed on roll call vote of 5-0.

Administrator Update

Administrator McNiff informed the board that she and Jan Reimer have been looking ahead to preparation of the 2026-27 budget, with consideration of the increase in all property valuations in the ESU 5 counties. The September Board meeting will be September 14 and all members are asked to attend to approve the budget

ESU 5 Business Manager and Board Treasurer Jan Reimer's last day at ESU 5 will be September 30.

Closed Session: Roger Smidt moved the board enter a closed session at 7:10, seconded by Duane Smith. Motion passed on roll call vote 5-0.

Roger Smidt moved the board exit closed session at 7:50 p.m.; seconded by Vicki Hinz-Ensz. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Public Comment

No one was in attendance to provide public comment on any items.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by consensus at 7:51 p.m.

The next board meeting will be Monday, August 10, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the offices of ESU 5. The board will not meet in July.



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